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No care can come where God doth guard;
No ill befall whom He doth keep;
In safety hid, of trouble rid,
I lay me down in peace and sleep.

I wholly love Thy holy name;
I hail with glee Thy glorious will;
Where'er I go, 'tis joy to know
That Thou, my King, art near me still.

Thy power immense, consummate, grand,
Thy wisdom, known to Thee alone,
Thy perfect love, all thought above,
Make me a sharer in Thy throne.

With Thee abiding none can fear,
Nor lack, of every good possessed;
Thy grace avails, whate'er assails,
And I in Thee am fully blest.

Then leap, my heart, exultant, strong,
Cast every doubt and weight away;
Give thanks and praise to God always,
For He will guide to perfect day!

—James Mudge.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

—Rev. 3:10.

Oct. 31. 1942

NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening of Northwest Bible School and Academy

The eighth term of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy will open October 28. The Dakota ministers' meeting precedes this opening October 26, 27.

A full three-year course is offered at a price lower than you would ordinarily expect. Many ministers and workers have gone from this school, proving the practical benefit enjoyed by those who take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

In spite of the war, a good enrollment is in prospect. It is not too late to enroll.

Write or wire Glyndon Logsdon, superintendent, Lemmon, S. Dak.

Compliment of Second Assistant General Overseer

There is, indeed, a golden opportunity for those that are within reach and are financially able to attend this wonderful institution, The Northwest Bible School and Music Academy.

It is possible that there are those for whom it seems impossible to attend because of financial adversities or the thought of being away from home; but when one stops to think that we have only one time to prepare ourselves for the work of the Lord, which, of course, is indispensable for those who have been called to work for Him, then the only wise conclusion that one could reach would be to be willing to make the necessary sacrifices in order to attend this great school to receive real training and education, Biblically and literarily as well.

The writer feels that now it is really more important for young people and those who desire to work for the Lord to attend Bible training schools, inasmuch as we are now living in a day of education. We must face a scientific world; and to be able to do so successfully, we must spend much time in preparation, as we are admonished to do by the great apostle, St. Paul, 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We trust that many will yet choose to attend the National Bible School and Music Academy and become a member of that training camp where men and women, boys and girls are being trained to become soldiers of the cross.—Sincerely, Earl P. Paulk.

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Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

Roland Verrico, overseer of New York—78 Grand St., Gloversville, N. Y.
U. D. Tidwell—1362 East Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

C. F. Bright, secretary - treasurer, Church of God Colored Work—Old: 2346 Dennis St., Jacksonville, Fla. New: 554 Paulson Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. M. and Helen L. Morrow—9 Pitchford St., Walhalla, S. C.

H. D. Williams, overseer of Oklahoma—2644 S. W. 31st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ministers who have the call of God and especially desire to work in new fields may contact Brother Lemuel Johnson, overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin, who desires some faithful workers. He may be contacted by addressing his mail: General Delivery, Staples, Minnesota.—J. H. Walker.

I am ready for revivals. I have papers with the Church of God. Anyone wanting a revival may contact me at 610 Wright St., Sweetwater, Tenn. For reference you may write Rev. Ed Johnson, Box 263, Sweetwater, Tenn.—Mrs. Allie B. Smith.

The Church of God at Lamesa, Tex., has set Thursday night of each week as prayer night for our soldier boys and sick. Anyone interested, please let us hear from you.—Rev. I. C. Hull, pastor; Mrs. Onida Harper, clerk, Box 365, Lamesa, Tex.

If anyone has old editions of the Evangel or other religious literature, please send them to me. I will give them out on the streets, at my regular street services.—James S. Roberts, pastor, Box 164, Baxley, Ga.

SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

Yes, this is good advice. Do your Christmas shopping early. Due to the national emergency, mail is not delivered promptly.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS

I am sure that each of you will want the children in our homes to have a nice Christmas. Why not do your shopping for them early and mail the packages so that all of the packages will be here in time for their Christmas. Packages marked "Do not open until Christmas" will be held until the proper time before opening. We are giving below the names and ages of each boy and girl in the home. Why not adopt one of these for your child for Christmas and make that one happy by sending him or her a nice Christmas present. Please send all offer-

Notes From My Letters

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

"October 12, 1942

"Great ministers' meeting yesterday at Kentwood, Louisiana. Over the top one hundred per cent on aged ministers' fund. Will mail check in a few days. I have the money with me. Will purchase state parsonage at Baton Rouge or Monroe. Pray for us.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana."

Rev. J. R. Berry, of Potosi, Missouri, writes:

"Potosi Church of God has already gone over the top with their \$1 per member mission drive for 1943. Our ministers' meeting starts tonight. Quota, \$54. We have just closed a week and a half revival with Brother and Sister Arlie Dorman in charge. There were five conversions, one sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. God is blessing in our midst. Remember us in prayer."

This reminds me that on Saturday at 4:30 p. m., September 5, before the Assembly closed, Brother Carl Hughes paid the aged ministers' quota for Warren, Ohio, for the year 1943. The whole State of Tennessee has likewise gone over the top 100 per cent for aged ministers' quota for this Assembly year.

TELEGRAM

"October 6, 1:54 p.m.

"Ministers' meeting short and good. Aged ministers' quota for Arkansas raised.—A. L. Burroughs, state overseer."

"We have two new churches since the Assembly, one at Newport, Kentucky, with fourteen members, and one at Mitchellville with thirteen members, a lot and \$50 toward building a church.—W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky."

ings or presents, as well as all merchandise intended for the orphanage, to the Church of God Orphanage, Cleveland, Tennessee. Do not send money or packages to any member of the committee or to the superintendent. All money orders and checks should be made to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary of the Church of God. He handles all funds coming to headquarters.

Name	Age
Arnold, William Aaron	8
Austin, James	17

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The Deceiver "Alcohol"

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Prov. 20:1.

By J. R. Harrawood



Rev. Harrawood is pastor of the North Cleveland (Tenn.) Church of God and is Chairman of the Orphanage Committee

MANY OF US like to think of the drunk in the gutter as being the one who has been deceived and played the fool, but let us take a fair retrospective view of the facts in the case of alcohol. We do not question the fact that fire will burn and water will drown, and knowing this to be true, we arrange our fire escapes and pay our trained and efficient firemen, but we do not burn the building to slide down the escape or to hear the siren of the fire engine. Neither do we spend millions in the flood control plans then open the gates of the rivers to see the destructive forces of the waters as they sweep through unprotected towns and countries.

The words of our text were penned centuries ago, when the fermented wines of the East were not as strong as those of today, therefore all that is said in the Bible against the evil of drunkenness applies with much increased force to the liquor question of today. And while many assume the attitude that we are to preach the gospel and let the world run its own business, yet we are face to face with the facts, and it is your business when the liquor crowd has deceived every citizen of the United States in the false promises since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

I. HAVE WE BEEN DECEIVED IN POLITICS?

Do you remember when the winning candidate in the presidential election in 1932, realizing that no one who has the least respect wanted the old saloon with its demoralizing influence back again, said, "By no possibility at any time, or under any conditions at any place, or under any circumstances, shall that institution, the saloon, or its equivalent, be allowed to return to the American life"? The facts are that we now have more than 400,000 taprooms and saloons with the brass rails, with 300,000 other establishments legalized to sell liquor, or four times as many as we had before prohibition. We now have two taverns to every church, three taverns to every school, one tavern to every seventy-five families, one tavern to every fifty-one youths between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation. Yes, we have been deceived, and while respectable people would shun the old saloon, now it is hard to find a restaurant

where you can take your wife or daughter for a meal where legalized liquor is not sold.

We were told that we could drink our way to prosperity. Have we been deceived? Figures prove so. Take a look at the national debt. Margaret L. Palmer, Associate General Secretary, Texas Youth's Temperance Council, in an article in the current issue of *Signs of the Times*, says, "America will need to curb every useless expenditure if it wins this war. Translating the nation's \$9,000,000 daily liquor bill into defense budgets for guns or for bread to feed war's hungry victims instead of being used to buy 'hangovers,' each day's drink bill would do one of the following: Feed one million Chinese refugee children for nine months, feed most of Europe's famine-threatened peoples, pay for 180 bombers at \$50,000 each, almost pay for a destroyer, pay for one or more submarines, completely train some 600 military pilots at \$15,000 each, manufacture 180,000 Garand rifles at \$50 each."

America spent last year approximately \$2,500,000,000 for public education while in the same time we spent about \$3,300,000,000 for liquor, or we spent about \$800,000,000 more for that which will make fools out of our youth than we did to educate them. We were told that we would pension the aged with the revenue. Have we? Our records do not

prove so. We are having to spend tax money received from other sources to pay for the crime bill. Liquor revenue is not enough.

We have been told by a FEW wet congressmen that the soldiers want their beer and wines. Do they?

On January 8, General Emmons, in a press conference at Fort Shafter, according to the *Honolulu Advertiser*, January 9, 1942, said: "General Short did a very fine thing in declaring Honolulu dry," and gave reasons why the Army considers it unwise to slake Honolulu's five weeks' thirst now. "The labor leaders don't want liquor sold. The ministers don't want it. The working man doesn't want it. The Army admits the present rule is good." In fact, the General said he found "that nobody really seriously wanted liquor back again."

Thousands of our boys in camp have expressed themselves as not wanting liquor. One is made to wonder why the beer dealers are allowed to run their business and promote drinking as they do in the Army camps. In Framingham, Mass., according to the *Framingham News* of August 24, 1942, the soldiers were to be entertained with a boxing show, "with a case of beer offered to the company entering the largest number of fighters." Can you picture that true American father and mother as they buy bonds and stamps and give their boys to the service, then go to their church and bow at an altar and pray for God to keep that boy just as pure as he has been raised, while the liquor lords throw their beer parties to make a slave of that boy as long as he lives?

Again we have been told that liquor is helpful while on the battle front. Is that true? Not according to George A. Skinner, M.D., who has served as an Army surgeon for almost half a century. He says in "ARMIES CAN'T RUN ON ALCOHOL," in *Signs of the Times*: "Through generations, alcohol has been classed as a stimulant, and only after careful study and experiment has its real action been demonstrated. While there appears to be a stimulating or 'lifting' effect soon after its use, this is not due to stimulation, but to depression, or to a breaking effect on the governor, so that the machine is released from its usual controls (inhibitions). The face flushes because the small vessels are no longer held in check, and consequently dilate. The heart speeds up because the governor is not in control."

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Religion and the World

By the Editor

Hitler and the Bible

LONDON, Oct. 3 (INS). — The Nazis were reported today to be preparing for Christmas sale in Germany a Nazified version of the Bible. The daily sketch, quoting "Inside Information," said the only illustration in the new Bible will be contained in the frontispiece—a portrait of Hitler.

Transportation Crisis

Difficulties in transportation threaten to cause a crisis among rural churches of Missouri. This is particularly reflected in the problems of ministerial students at William Jewel College who serve as pastors in forty-eight churches in the region of Liberty. This will more and more manifest itself as a hindrance in each locality of the country. Parish papers and radio broadcasts will care for some of the loss on the part of the congregations, as well as at least in part for the work of the pastor.

Jehovah's Witnesses Win

A ruling handed by a three-judge federal court at Charleston, W. Va., "enjoined the West Virginia Board of Education from requiring the flag salute of children of the Jehovah's Witnesses and all others having conscientious religious scruples against saluting the flag." This is a contradictory ruling to that handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court in a similar case. It was held by Judge Parker that the salvation of the flag was in violation of religious liberty as upheld by the constitution. It is quite true that the constitution guarantees religious liberty. It is, however, equally queer that professed Christians of any faith or order, who would refuse to recognize or salute the emblem of such liberty or freedom of conscience, do not appreciate such freedom. Certainly there is nothing involved in the salute of the American flag that would defile the conscience toward God.

Dreadful Conflict

Plans by the U. S. for an army of 7,500,000 by the end of 1943 are under way. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, estimate that the air force will by that time be 2,200,000. Unofficial estimates place the German army at 8,000,000 men; the Russian army, including trained reserves, at 17,000,000

men. All that is known of the British army is that it totals several million men. A probable estimate of the British and empire air forces is from 1,400,000 to 2,000,000 men. The military strength of Japan is very speculative, but placed at 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 men, Italy, at probably 5,000,000 men. Here we have around 50,000,000 men under arms. When this terrible conflict can and will end is one of the Lord's secrets. Certainly not soon. These are days fraught with tragic forebodings, and when the saint of God needs above all else to give him or herself to prevailing prayer.

British Press Opposes Chaining Nazi Prisoners

The religious press in Britain is showing concern over the British government's decision to chain German prisoners of war. Both Protestant and Catholic churchmen have raised their voices against such methods. *The Universe* (Catholic) asserted that there is "no weakness in refusing to imitate German barbarity." *The Christian World* (Protestant) says, "It is wrong as well as futile to imitate the Nazis in the nauseous policy." The Church of England newspaper declared that Britain "stands no chance of winning in competition with the Germans to outdo one another in barbarity." Unfortunate and unmerciful are such tactics by both one and the other.

Christian Jewish Union

The Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews was formed at Winnipeg, Man., October 15, under the leadership of Dr. E. Crossley Hunter. This move was endorsed by Protestant and Catholic representatives. "Each member loyal to his own conscience" was apparently the prevailing tone. The purpose of the conference is in part to present a "united voice for protests against Anti-Semitism or religious prejudices." It will arrange university seminars and promotes goodwill through teams of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish speakers; one each will, in teams of three, address gatherings for the purpose of uprooting prejudices wherever found.

Revolutionary Force

Speaking before representatives of thirteen Protestant denominations at the Ninth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Dr. Ade-

laide T. Case, professor of Christian Education at Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, said, "Christianity must be the most revolutionary force in the world, not the most conservative." This is quite true. If we are to have a heavenly kingdom as the Scriptures teach, then it can come but by revolution of heart and conscience. Of the Church can it alone be said, "These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." Said she, "The Christian Church is the international, inter-racial fellowship which has maintained its essential integrity in spite of the animosities and conflicts of recent years."

Is Liquor Respectable?

Reference is made by Fred L. Rosemond, attorney, writing in *Moody Monthly* relative to "financial publications at hand containing figures for one distilling company, showing a working capital of fifty million dollars, outstanding stock valued at forty million and more, and announcing a large additional stock for its expanding business. He makes mention of another liquor corporation having a dozen distilling plants that did almost \$100,000,000 of business last year, showing a gain of one-fifth over 1940, and the original writer comments that "the liquor business today is on a solid footing in every respect and is highly respectable." Whoever heard of such ridiculous argument, that the liquor business was a "respectable" business! That which destroys manhood, respect for home, parents and loved ones, and defames, debauches and destroys and finally damns the soul, never has nor will it ever be "respectable."

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The Dying Flame

F. W. Lemons

"Our lamps are going out," Matt. 25:8.
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IT IS NOT the aim of this writing to enter the controversy concerning the parable of the ten virgins, but simply to teach, if possible, a timely object lesson.

The simple words, "Our lamps are going out," are so significant of our day. The time of their utterance, immediately after the joyful announcement, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," and at midnight, adds to the significance, forcefully.

Whatever may have been the Lord's purpose of this parable, he described a crucial and harrowing experience in the story of those foolish virgins who had not supplied themselves with sufficient oil to provide for their needs through the night. Well did he label them foolish.

Concerning the foolish virgins, is it not highly probable that neither they themselves nor their comrades had suspected that they were foolish before this critical midnight hour? Both the wise and the foolish had traveled in the same company, and from outward appearance an observer would have detected little difference. There is no indication from the record that they were ignorant. When they awoke, along with the others, and trimmed their lights, it was they who confessed, "Our lamps are going out," and cried for oil. They knew their need was oil and were aware of the gravity of their situation. They were foolish because they had taken an unwarranted risk. They had deliberately taken a hazardous venture, had gone into a crisis without oil—indispensable oil. It was a crucial experience.

A CRUCIAL TIME

It was also a crucial time—midnight, a crisis. One might get along comfortably without oil or light at noon, or any part of the day, but it is a vexatious disappointment to have the light go out at midnight. What a time to discover that the oil is out, or to set out in search of it. Neighbors and friends may be utterly unaware of our scarcity of oil in the day of grace and blessing, but our own alarming cries, together with the faint flicker of a dying flame, will tell its own sad story at the midnight hour.

There is but one decisive thing for such an hour. That is light, and light necessitates oil. There was no useless prattle about the kinds of lamps. What mattered whether they were common lanterns or costly chandeliers? Ritual, ceremony, denominationalism will not matter at midnight. There will then be

only one requisite, "Give us oil." Oil must be provided for that time. So give us oil now!

Whatever the word "oil" may imply in this parable, everyone can see that it is the principal and imperative thing. How different this story might have been if all had been well supplied with the precious oil. Said James Whitcomb Riley,

*"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest these—It might have
been."*

And if oil was the determining factor as to whether the virgins were admitted or debarred from the marriage, it is worth our effort to try to ascertain its meaning, and to keep a supply of it in our vessels.

AN ANOINTING

Oil is the thing that keeps the lamp burning. Every Christian knows that is the Holy Ghost. In Hebrews 1:9 we discover that Jesus was "anointed *** with the oil of gladness." When He entered officially upon His ministry He went into the synagogue, took the Book of Isaiah and publicly read the following: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel" (Luke 4:18). He did not presumptuously enter His ministry without the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Ghost. The word "anoint" indicates oil. If it be objected that anointing is external, let us answer that that anointing of the Holy Ghost is so profuse and so abundant that it also "fills." Notice that the Holy Ghost at Pentecost came down and filled the house first, but the record states, "They were all filled." The Holy Ghost descended upon Jesus in the shape of a dove, but who would deny that He was also filled with the Holy Ghost? John wrote, "Ye have an unction from the Holy One." Unction means anointing. It is therefore the holy oil that keeps the lamp aglow. May we never be without it.

By way of application let us take a look at the present picture to see whether we be wise or foolish. We have the church, the lamp, and from a standpoint of numbers the nominal church is stronger and richer than ever before, doing big things, breaking all records, raising money and packing the church with unregenerates. Jumboism describes it. Cold hearts in the church have reduced the spiritual temperature to lukewarm. The influence of the godless within has caused

the church generally to fall asleep, oblivious of the lack of oil and unalarmed about the rapidly approaching midnight. The love of many has waxed cold. Paradoxical as it seems, these are the successors of the church that once "turned the world upside down."

LAST DAYS

Surely this condition compares with the prophetic picture of the last days. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith" (1 Tim. 4:1). "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." But is it not significant that the church should have so fallen into apostasy that at last she has provided room for the unholy mob described in these verses? The following verse makes it quite clear that this catalog of renegades have found refuge in the church, but not in the faith, "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Can we not recognize the tremendous falling away which shall usher in the man of sin? The dying-flame experience will prepare the way for him. The great compromise among so many hitherto spiritual peoples is the story of a dying flame.

Pessimistic? Yes, but it is the Bible picture of the last days. Does it not look like a recent snapshot of the world today? The spirit of the age, like that of every dying age, is to deny the worst, and to predict fair weather while a visible storm is in the offing. It is the Spiritless Laodiceans who cry, "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17). But they know not that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. Let us not pretend, through a false loyalty, that all is well. The night is upon us and the worldward view will continue to grow darker.

It is not our thought to deny that many precious souls are today full of the Spirit and have lamps that are burning brightly. The idea is to show that someone's light has gone out, and it is near midnight. Someone has lost the

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The Way of Holiness

MRS. CLYDE WILBORN

1 Thess. 4:7, "For God bath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

HOW I do thank the Lord for the way of holiness, because it is the way God made for us. The way of salvation is a way of holiness. When God saw our need of a Savior, He sent His Son here to suffer and die on the cross that we might have life through salvation, unto holiness.

There are many people who hate holiness. I do thank God that I love the way of holiness. Whenever you hate holiness and fight holiness, you hate God and are fighting against God. I can't understand why some people profess to have salvation and deny the way of holiness. Besides the way of holiness there isn't any way, because the way of holiness is the way of salvation. Why should we want any other way? The way of holiness just suits me because it is God's plan. The precious gospel is the gospel of holiness. I thank God for showing me the light on this gospel. The Bible says, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," 2 Cor. 4:3, 4.

I believe the reason so many people don't want to come into the light is because they will have to live a pure, clean and holy life. Apparently they love darkness rather than this pure light; seemingly they are afraid to come into the light.

St. John 3:19-21, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were

evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

There are many people today who are looking for an easy way, a way they can hold on to the world. Some people love the things of the world so they are not willing to give them up. They had rather hold on to the world than to have this wonderful salvation, but He says in His precious Word, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," 1 John 2:15.

When the Lord forgives our sins and we are made free then we are to yield our members to righteousness unto holiness. It does look like anyone could see that when we are made free from sin we come unto holiness. Rom. 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Holiness is a clean, pure way; it is a great highway that leads us from earth to glory. I feel sorry for anyone who doesn't believe in holiness. When I look at them a great pity comes up into my heart for them and I just pray for them and ask God to show them the light before it is too late.

Isa. 35:8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Some people look down on holiness or they think they do, but it is impossible to look down on holiness because it is God's great plan and you cannot look down on our blessed Lord's plan. Oh, that people would pray and read their Bibles and ask God to show them the light.

Text, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness." Don't you see when God calls us it is unto holiness? If holiness were not the right way, God would have called us some other way, but He called us unto holiness. Praise His precious name forever. We know God would not call us in the wrong way. Without holiness we shall never see the Lord. Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." When the Lord makes us free we put on the new man, we are a new creature. Eph. 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." I thank the Lord for this wonderful salvation, for this precious way of holiness. It matters not what people say

about us. They talk about us and tell things that are not true but we can still praise the Lord. Just because people talk about us and don't believe in holiness, that doesn't make it not so. Holiness is true just the same. I believe that anyone who has really and truly been born again down in his heart he is going to love holiness. They have to love holiness if they love the Lord, because He is holy, the angels are holy, Heaven is a holy place, and I can't understand why people will fight holiness and say they want to go to Heaven. Let me tell you, if we ever get to Heaven we will have to be holy. God's people are holy people; His chosen ones are holy. 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Some people don't like us because we sing and shout and pray and praise the Lord so much. Oh, we have something to praise Him for. You see, He has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. He has saved, sanctified and baptized us with the precious Holy Ghost which has brought us into the light. Praise His holy name. I am so glad it was for me and it is for everybody who will accept it. I thank and praise my Lord that He shined this precious light on my way. If you will pray and read your Bible and consecrate your life to God, He will give you this salvation.

Luke 11:9, 10, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Oh, I do hope and pray that many souls will be awakened and come to holiness and God before it is too late.

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I DO not want to press a dying pillow with just part of my sins forgiven, but, thank God, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all. How can we get this wonderful cleansing? By soap and hot water? Ah no. By bathing in the ocean? No. By going to the hot springs and being sweated? No. But just get in fellowship and stay there. No ship that can ever be thought of is as safe to be in as fellowship. I have often desired to ride in an airship, but some times they sail to land and wreck. I have thought of the ship that St. Paul was in which ran aground and broke in two. You remember the time when Paul handled a snake, that ship wrecked. When I was a boy, in the year 1912, I heard the people read in the papers of a great ship which the U. S. A. built. They said water couldn't go through the great Titanic, but the great Titanic wrecked and sixteen hundred people lost their lives. Oh say, I am glad I wasn't in that ship, aren't you? But let me tell you of a few ships I was in when I was a boy. I had a hard struggle in life, so many heartaches and struggles. I began to look for some rest. I thought if I could get married and not have anyone else to care for but a beautiful little wife and myself, that it would be so nice. I met a chubby little girl and she smiled at me. Right then I got in courtship. I hadn't been in courtship long till I got in hardship. Say, hardship is a bad ship to be in. I surely don't like hardships. Well, partnerships sometime go bad and stewardships sometime go bad, but thank God, fellowship has always stood the test above all ships. Of all the ships which have been on earth, fellowship is the best, safest and most dependable.

How old is fellowship? Older than the flood. How do we know? Just the other day I saw a token or a sign of fellowship that started in the antediluvian world when God became angry with the people because of their crooked doings. No doubt in my mind God, with His big hand, which wrote on the plaster in Belshazzar's palace at the time of his drunken frolic, that same hand that furnished the power when David the shepherd boy threw the rock that killed Goliath the giant, planned to submerge the earth in water, as He had repented that He had ever made man. Then as God thought of the earth being down under the waters, no doubt He thought, "Now if anything is left to remember the Creator it will have to be in a ship, for there will be no dry land, no resting place left, if I destroy the earth." Then as God pondered in His mind just what ship would be the best, thank God, He decided that nothing could beat good fellowship.

Then as God searched out the hearts and lives of everything and everybody, He found Noah, a preacher of righteousness. I imagine I can hear Him say to Noah, "Hello preacher, let's take a lit-

1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."



Ships



TOM BROOKS



tle ship ride." Then God and Preacher Noah got in the ship. What ship? Fellowship, the same ship we will have to stay in if we ever reach perfection. So as they got in the ship and started God said to Preacher Noah, "Because these other people won't walk in the light I am going to destroy them. Now because you and I have fellowship one with another I will spare you and your family to keep seed on the earth, but I will destroy those who don't have fellowship with us. I will not destroy the earth, but just clean everything off that doesn't get in the ship. Build us a house way up on the mountain," not in the swamp. Let these fellows who won't walk in the light live in the swamps. But they that have walked in the light can have a mountain-top experience.

"Now, Preacher Noah, build our house three stories high." First story, saved; second story, sanctified; third story, baptized with the Holy Ghost. Well, thank God, we don't have to live in the basement all the time, we can live upstairs if

we will walk, not sit down, nor lay down, but walk.

"Preacher Noah, put one window in it right in the top." I imagine I can hear the poor antediluvians say, "We can't see into it." Yes, that is right. God's plan is not made to see into but to get into. If God's plan were made to see into, it would have a glass front. But Preacher Noah did what God told him. He took his family and entered the ark while a God-hating multitude mocked at him. Then God shut the door. So many standing outside did not have fellowship—standing outside and the doors of mercy closed. Then I imagine I can see a large black cloud hovering over the western slope. It covers the whole earth; the lightning flashed, the thunder rolls, the rain pours for forty long days and nights, the waters cover the hills and mountains, and everything that isn't in fellowship strangles and dies. It surely pays to be in good fellowship in a time like that, and remember the time in which we are living is a very critical time also.

Then after a long ride on the muddy waves the flood went down, the old ark was left on dry ground. Preacher Noah was so well pleased with the fellowship that he and God had that he said, "I will give God an offering." So the altar was built and the offering was fixed. As Preacher Noah and family were giving God their offering, God said, "You can't outgive me because of our fellowship. I will hang a bow of many colors up in the sky and it will be seen just as long as time is. You are but flesh made of dust and soon will return to the dust, generations shall come and go, but our fellowship will never cease, and for a token I give unto you the rainbow." So when we see the rainbow, that is a sign of the greatest ship we know.

Church Property on Tax Rolls

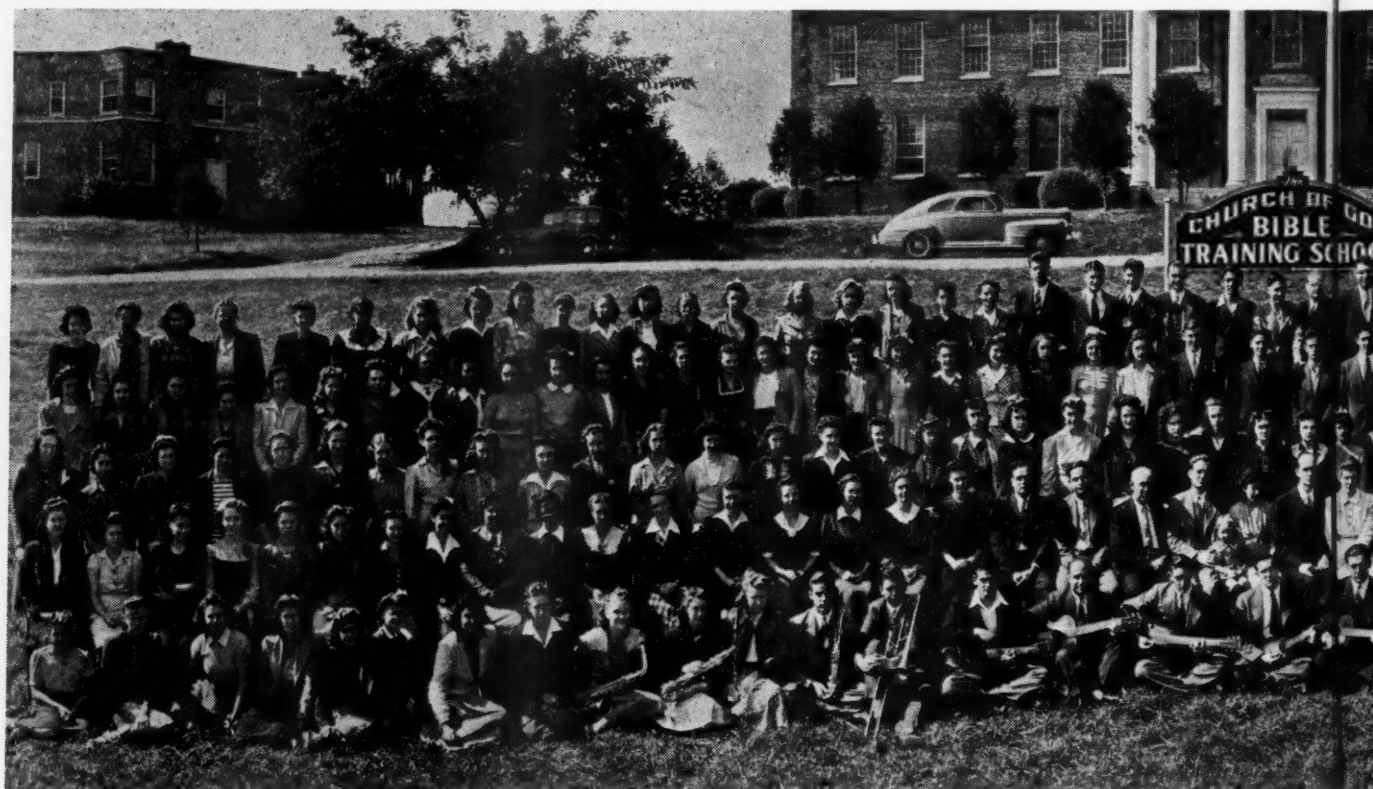
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Decision of the city lawmakers to place \$4,000,000 worth of commercially used church property on the tax rolls, was lauded here in an editorial appearing in the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"The citizens of Louisville," said the editorial, "have reason for gratitude that Mayor Wyatt and his administration have made the decision without hesitation and without apology."

"The measure is so obviously fair and reasonable that the political repercussions which have been feared in other days will very likely prove to be slight."

Oh, for more people who are loyal to the cross of Christ, who will shrink not from duty, or complain not at suffering if it brings help to souls or glory to God. Such people are in great demand in the kingdom of God, and will always find a place.

Student Body and Faculty of 1942-43 Term of Ch



Cremer

Carolyn Cremer was born Feb. 22, 1942, and departed this life Oct. 10, 1942, at 9:00 a. m., at the age of seven months and eighteen days. To mourn her passing are her parents, Brother and Sister Boyce Cremer, and a sister, besides a host of relatives and friends who had learned to love her sweet disposition

during the span of her life here on earth. Brother Cremer is an instructor in the Bible Training School.

Funeral services were conducted in the auditorium of the Bible Training School on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3:00 p. m. To the bereaved especially Brother Tharp spoke words of comfort, and a choir of twelve sang "Rock of Ages."

The girls' quartet also sang "Gathering Buds" and "Farther Along."

Her passing has left a vacancy in Brother and Sister Cremer's home, but we rejoice to know that a vacancy has been filled in heaven and that we may meet her there if we are faithful to God. We, as a student body and faculty, hereby express our sincere sympathy to Brother and Sister Cremer.



Students of first term of Bible Training School.

Organization of B. T. S.

As early as the Sixth Annual Assembly, which convened in January, 1911, the subject of a Bible School was considered. The need of a school was seen more and more, but because the church was so small it seemed that nothing could be done about a Bible School. Finally, at the Thirteenth Annual Assembly in November, 1917, after much deliberation, a committee was appointed to act definitely on the matter of organizing a school. As a result, on January 1, 1918, the first term of the Bible Training School was opened in the council chamber of the Evangel Office building, Cleveland, Tenn., under the leadership of the General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson. It was primarily designed as a school for Christian workers. The first term had an enrollment of six students; the second term, eight; the

f Church of God Bible Training School and College



fifth term, thirty-two; and each year there has been an increase until the present term we have a record enrollment of 230, of which sixty-three are enrolled as Christian workers. However, many students enrolled in other departments are availing themselves of some Bible subjects.

Young men and women, interested in gospel work, have felt it their duty and privilege, from the opening of the first term in 1918 up to the present, to assemble with others from different sections of the country for the purpose of concentrating their minds on a systematic study of God's Word.

After the fourth term of Bible School the new auditorium in Cleveland, which had been built to accommodate the Annual Assemblies, was used by the Bible School. In the winter of 1936-37, a large, two-story brick dormitory was built at Cleveland for the girls. Then, in the summer of 1938, the Church of God purchased the Murphy Collegiate Institute at Sevierville, Tennessee, for a new home for the Church of God Bible Training School. The buildings include two spacious dormitories situated on either side of the administration building, and the president's home. The last and greatest improvement has been the erection in 1941-42 of a large, prac-

tical brick building which houses on the first floor a beautiful cafeteria; on the second, classrooms; on the third, an auditorium modern in every detail; and around the balcony, twenty-six music studios.

Development of the Music Dept.

Since the beginning of its history, this

school has emphasized the importance of music as a course of study. In 1930 J. H. Walker became superintendent. He was very much interested in music and secured the services of Professor Otis L. McCoy, a graduate of the Vaughan Conservatory of Music, to head the music department. Theory, sight singing, voice,

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Camping quarters for some of the early B.T.S. students.

Foreign Missions

FACTS ABOUT MISSION WORK

We have had a good many inquiries concerning our mission work and the Mission Board desires to get information on all phases of this work to the public, as we are delighted with the progress it is making, both spiritually and financially. Therefore, we are getting out a

MISSION BOOK

giving the number of workers, both foreign and native, in the different mission fields, the number of converts over the past few years as nearly as we can ascertain, the complete history of our mission work from its earliest existence with statistical reports compiled for the last twenty-five or thirty years, probably longer, and other valuable information. This book has been delayed some because we are waiting for some of the latest information from the foreign fields. It will be a few weeks yet before we get it out. When we do, you will hear from it through your state overseer. We are going to put the price down where every person will be able to own one. Watch for the announcement in the Evangel.

In checking up on the budget set by the Mission Board for this year, I see that we are going to find our

MISSION FUND TOO LOW

before the year is out unless the state overseers send the one-half of their district mission offerings to headquarters promptly. We will appreciate your co-operation in this matter. The records show that our mission balance was below \$600 on March 31, 1942, (except the Emergency Fund). After that the district convention offerings started coming in to give it a boost. Then the state convention offerings were so good until the Board thought we could get by until the Assembly this year on the one-half of five per cent and one-half of district offerings that come to headquarters, and keep all of the state convention mission offerings until the General Assembly and have a *real mission offering* when they are all put together. However, our budget is larger for 1942-43 than it was for 1941-42. The many open doors and earnest pleas for the full gospel from the Latin-American countries are largely responsible for this increase.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

DOWN MEXICO WAY WITH THE ARCHERS

About twelve years ago there came to Mexico an Americanized Mexican, well educated, a good preacher with a faith in God to heal the sick. He drew huge crowds, especially in the distant country Pueblos. Among his converts were three of our present preachers, David and Ruben Arcos and Hilario Negrete. This minister carried a large retinue of helpers with him, including the above named. Perhaps because his expenses were very large and the offerings small, perhaps because so many hundreds of poor people came for healing who had no faith to be healed, or possibly for some other reason, this minister began selling medicine to those who had no faith for healing. Naturally he backslid. He is still selling medicine in the obscure far reaches of Mexico, and we have been informed recently that he is trying to get back to God.

But his work goes on. Hilario Negrete was dropped out of the party when it moved to a new section and was left to pastor the works that had been established. His experiences of persecution, jails, threats on his life, etc., make a story in themselves. But the point of this story is that Brother Negrete remained true in faith and doctrine.

About five years ago he came to Mexico City as pastor of a work this same minister had started. Today he has a nice church. He has had many offers to join various groups but always he has remained independent. A number of ministers have gone out from his church to preach the gospel.

One year ago April, when we were having our last congress under the old arrangement in Mexico, he said to me, "Brother Archer, I know too much about this leader to join with him, but if you folks separate and start the work of The Church of God in Mexico, I want to be the first to join with you." He was. Though he had refused other offers, God had spoken to his heart and he became our first pastor in Southern Mexico. He has a clear reputation and his influence brought other churches to us.

Today he is our overseer for the Federal District and the State of Puebla. He is enthusiastic for the organization work and is gradually learning the value and meaning of cooperation. He is another of God's miraculous gifts to the organization of The Church of God in

Mexico.

God has given us many other pastors, but these four of whom I have written are God's primary gifts to the work in Mexico. Others will join us and leaders will arise from among our present splendid group of students, some of whom can already preach better than most of our older preachers. Then too, we have some splendid leadership in the making among our younger ministers who are now actively in the work.

GOD IS OUR HELP

Precious Readers, my heart is moved with gratitude to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord for His benefits in helping us, the people of Clifton. It is of a truth that David said in Psa. 124:8, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Our church was organized the fourth of April, 1938, at 3 White Hall Lane with twenty-two members. In 1939 we started a building. It was not suitable to the building authorities and we had to take it down. We then made two temporary sheds—one after the other—just a mere cover over our heads. After worshipping in these sheds for about six months, they also had to be taken down and we were just in the open air. We were almost discouraged but we can say, "Thank God for Jesus."

During this time there was not a direct worker for this church so the Lord just used me as the worker. From 1938 to 1942 we had the increase of twenty which made a total of forty-two. Eight left our company, which brings the total to thirty-four. Then we went on encouraging one another, not knowing where God was sending help from, but, praise God, in November, 1940, God sent us a new overseer. His name was Brother J. B. Camp. At his coming we had taken down our last temporary shed and had a plan in the building authority's office, not having enough money but were trying our best to erect a building of their approval, but it was opposed by the neighbors around. Because of the opposition we received a letter from the building authorities to attend a meeting of the committee, where we would be able to give the cause of having our building erected. Thank God for help. Rev. J. B. Camp, though strange but

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Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body, I suffer from a bad kidney and probably a tumor; my husband.—Mrs. H. E. Ervin, 31 Cedar St., Sylacauga, Ala.

The healing of my sister, Mrs. Fern Fortner, Pomona, Calif., who is near death caused from cancer.—Mrs. Mabel Maddeford, 1637 S. Sedgwick, Wichita, Kans.

The Lord to undertake for me.—F. H. Meadows, Charlotte, N. C.

The healing of my children who are in very bad health; my sons.—Mrs. Silvester Moore, West Irvine, Ky.

The Lord to heal my eyes and body.—Mrs. Rosa Davis, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

The healing of my body; my daughter to be healed of asthma; our home and children.—Sister Clara Bell Ledford, Rt. 2, Hayesville, N. C.

The healing of my body, I have been sitting in a wheel chair eight years but I believe God can heal.—A. Cliff Searcy, Rt. 2, Box 44, Winnsboro, La.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Paul Aldridge, Rt. 3, Moulton, Ala.

The healing of my body; my children.—Mrs. Rosa Vaughn Osborne, Cawood, Ky.

The healing of my neck of a goitre, it gives me lots of trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Stephens, 106 N. 65th St., Birmingham, Ala.

My husband to be healed of a growth over his left kidney; my mother to be healed of a trouble.—Myrtice Wolfe, Rt. 2, Nicholls, Ga.

The healing of my foot.—A. L. Brown, Box 164, Chesnee, S. C.

The healing of Delma Greenlee who was operated on for appendicitis; it was ruptured and he is in a bad condition.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, Shaw, Miss.

My little boy to be healed, he has an effected kidney and leakage of the heart.—Mattie Turner, 1218 W. Largent St., Harrisburg, Ill.

The saving and healing of a young mother whom the doctors have given up.—A Church of God member, Baltimore, Md.

God to undertake and save and heal my mother-in-law, she has been sick for fifteen years or more.—Mrs. Lee O. Pettey, Darlove, Miss.

My mother who has trouble with her head to be healed, she suffers so much.—Mrs. Louise Moreland, Whiteside, Tenn.

The healing of Homer Stevenson's broken arm.—W. T. Yarbrough, Rt. 1, Wedowee, Ala.

The healing of my daddy who is beyond the hope of doctors.—Epps Yearwood, Clarkesville, Ga.

Me to be saved and healed. My wife just went to be with Jesus Sept. 5 and I need encouragement.—H. B. Brown, Jena, La.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. J. J. Harrolson, Box 128, West Sacramento, Calif.

The healing of my body.—M. W. Lowery, Kannapolis, N. C.

The healing of my body of asthma and a nervous condition.—Mrs. W. G. O'Quinn, Rt. 4, Baxley, Ga.

Edgar Miller to be healed of T. B. and asthma and saved.—Mrs. Edgar Miller, Spottswood, Va.

The healing of a dear sister of a stroke.—Mrs. W. T. Walker, Rt. 3, c/o W. N. Penrod, Pratt, Kans.

The Lord to heal by body.—Mrs. Drew Asbel, Brooksville, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Sister Cordia Mussey, Lavonia, Ga.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble; my sister to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Olar Crane, Gainesville, Ga.

The healing of Doc McLemore, he is very low with infection of the jaw.—Mrs. Symes, Rt. 9, Box 171-B, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Lord to heal my body, I have been sick over two years and in bed most of the time.—Mrs. Bart Williams, Good Water, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. B. M. James, Blackshear, Ga.

The healing of my body; my lost loved ones.—Mrs. Agnes Morgan Simmons, Rt. 1, Owings, S. C.

My mother, Mrs. J. S. Braddy, Waycross, Ga., to be healed of high blood pressure, she is unable to do anything.—Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Box 87, Tolstoy, S. Dak.

The healing of our baby.—Mrs. Ollie Cooley, Rt. 1, Spring Valley, Ohio.

The healing of my son of T. B.—Mrs. J. E. Birchmore, 859 Tryon St., Columbia, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Hubert Petrie, West Helena, Ark.

The healing of my body of a stomach ailment and upset nervous system. I would be happy to hear from you dear friends and if you have been healed, please write me about it.—M. E. Simpson, Curryville, Ga.

God to undertake for my brother-in-law; my brother's eyes to be healed; my body to be healed.—Mrs. Clara B. Mobbs, Rt. 3, Sulphur, Okla.

Me to be healed of rheumatism.—Lela Hyde, Ages, Ky.

My wife who has erysipelas in her face and is suffering severe pain to be healed.—G. W. Fowler, Rt. 3, Cartersville, Ga.

The healing of Dorothy Atkinson who is in a critical condition.—Mrs. Herman Pent, Box 163, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Dear Friends, I request prayer that God will save my life. I am on death row of the Central Prison at Raleigh, N. C., waiting for my appointed time to come. Please pray that God will heal my right ear; it has a rising in it and it gives me lots of pain.—Sam J. Hairston, 835 W. Morgan St., Central Prison, Raleigh, N. C.

The healing of my body; my family.—Dude Dysert, Rt. 9, Box 2220, Phoenix, Ariz.

My mother who has been in bed for about two months with a bad sore limb; she is old and unsaved; me.—Mrs. Ethel McKlemurry, Rt. 1, Box 280, Drew, Miss.

If some man would strive as hard to have a standing with God as they do to have a standing with men, they would have a much better standing with both God and man.

REPORTS

HALLSBORO, N. C.—Dear Saints and Friends, I am glad to be still trusting in the Lord and hope that you are still praying for me. I am praying and am glad to be receiving the papers. It helps me so much to read that somebody is doing good. Pray for me and pray for my niece.—Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7.

WICHITA, Kans.—Dear Saints of God everywhere, "Whom having not seen we love."

"My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

So precious is that One to my soul this morning that I take up my pen to tell of Him. Over ten years He has been my constant companion, friend and faithful advisor. He has been with me through temptations and trials. When I am perplexed He has ever advised me the way that is right. Many times we cannot see why He would have us go a certain way, but later we rejoiced when we saw His plan work out so favorably for us. Like the writer of old we say, "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

I thank God for the church here in Wichita. Under the grand leadership of our beloved pastor and family, Brother and Sister J. T. Campbell, we have a beautiful new church house and a congregation where there is perfect love and unity. One night during praise service I noticed each one as he arose to his feet first praised the Lord then thanked God for different leaders and workers in the Church, showing a definite "preferring one another in the Lord."

Our church was dedicated in April by our highly esteemed state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and at that time I and other members of my family became a part of the Church of God. I desired a part—so became a part. Four generations of my family knelt at the altar bench together most every service and several others in the family think the Church of God is the best in Wichita. We invite all visiting saints to come and visit our church which is located on the west side at McCormick and St. Clair.

"May grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."—Mrs. Mabel Maddeford, 1637 S. Sedgwick.

Dear Evangel Readers, I thank God for His wonderful saving grace and keeping

power. You know, dear ones, if we ever needed to be close to God it is today, but instead of praying for more victory people are accepting that deceitful, unconscious feeling, walking with the pride and pleasure of this world. What we need today is to stay on our knees praying and asking God to keep us filled with His Spirit. Some people want to condemn us for shouting. I have noticed preachers who couldn't shout and when some good old saint who lived close enough to God to shout would shout he would get up and say, "Well, you know it is not all in shouting." That is true enough, but the reason people cannot feel the power of God and can't rejoice is certainly because they haven't lived like they should. I think about our church members taking in the devil's sideshows, just a little here and a little there until you cannot tell them from the sinners. Some of them will go to the state fair and say, "Well, I just wanted to see the exhibits," and they will see everything else ungodly, and besides all that, that old drunkard who lives next door to them is there and that is as good as he would have. I believe true Church of God people will stay away from the devil's playhouse.

My thoughts and feelings are based on the writing in God's Word, "Keep yourself unspotted from the world."

We are working with Brother C. T. Douglas this year on the radio. We sing every day at 3:30 and at 4:00 p. m. on Sunday, Central War Time, over WSGN, Birmingham, Ala. Tune in and listen. My two sisters and I are known as the Goodman Trio. Rev. C. T. Douglas' address is 4304 11th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala. Let us hear from you.—Howard Goodman, 2131 8th St., S., Birmingham, Ala.

Workers, Finance and Prayer Needed

WINSLOW, Ariz. — Dear Saints of God, I am glad I am serving a God who can hear our cry. I am glad I have a host of brothers and sisters, too, on whom I can call to pray with me, and that when we get into a dark, thick cloud we can pray the cloud away.

We are entering the third new church building since we landed in Arizona in March, 1941. This is a new field and there is not much finance and very few saints. We have been here nearly a month and have not found one of our members. We have no place for services and are trying to get a small building built to start services. We have our lots and are without finance and are to a place where we must ask that everyone earnestly pray

that God will undertake. We know God can move and that is why we appeal for prayer. There is lots of sin and vice here and this is one of the dark places in Arizona and is badly in need of a lighthouse. We are struggling to build out here. Pioneer work isn't pleasant but we feel that it is our call. This is a lone town near the painted desert, thirty miles to another small town, a railroad center. Please pray that we will succeed in the work here. We appeal to anyone living in this part of the country who is a saint of God to get in touch with us. We are on the corner of Alford and West Fourth Streets, Winslow, Ariz., Gen. Del.—Mrs. D. H. Fuller.

P. S. It seems the devil has hindered our prayers being answered as he did Daniel twenty-one days.

State of Louisiana Has Another Great Meeting

The ministers' meeting for the great State of Louisiana convened at Kentwood church, Tuesday, Oct. 6. The purpose of this gathering of pastors and evangelists was to adopt a state program for this Assembly year, to discuss plans whereby we might be able to better carry on the work in this great calling of God.

The Spirit of God manifested His presence in the meeting from the very beginning and every subject brought before this body for its consideration was handled in a businesslike and Christian-like manner.

Brother R. P. Johnson, our First Assistant General Overseer, was with us and served as moderator, instilling into the hearts of this group of ministers a great thought, a thought that must be considered much higher than the normal trend of man's thinking—and that great thought prevailing throughout the meeting, we, as the great Church of God; we, as ministers called of God; we, as Christians, saved by the grace of God, have a job to do. We, all of us, are obligated in this great fight which is enveloping the whole world, 2 Cor. 10:4, and we "must fulfill our purpose."

We have a purpose to fulfill and that is to put forth every effort to do all we can while we can and not to spend our time on numbers, quotas, dollars and cents, but to put our shoulders to the wheel and regardless of the sacrifice, to fulfill our purpose—there being nothing sacrificed in order to gain the main prize that is not more than restored in the main prize. It is believed that every one present has a purpose in his heart that he will use every means available to do more in the service of the Lord this Assembly year than ever before, regardless of quotas or honor rolls.

At the close of this meeting several of the brethren gave short talks on per-

sonal contact, to increase interest, build up the Church and get people to God. These talks were an inspiration to all—and in closing Brother Johnson led us in singing that great old song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Let us fulfill our purpose. — J. C. Myrick, pastor, Jena, La., and clerk, ministers' meeting.

REVIVALS

We have just closed a most glorious revival in Bremen, Ga. Brother Melvin A. Gifford and his wife were the evangelists. One was filled with the Holy Ghost. Everyone seemed to have been blessed, for God was with us in a great way. Pray for the church at Bremen and for the evangelist and his wife.—Rev. Melvin A. Gifford, Trenton, Ga.

TUNNEL HILL, Ga.—We just closed a revival at the home of Sister Ida Anders near Tunnel Hill, Ga., Sunday, Oct. 11. One sister received the Holy Ghost and the Lord blessed in every service. A good brother who isn't a member of the Church of God let us use his sound system, which was a great help. Please help us pray that these people here will receive the Word and that the Church of God will be established.—R. A. Partin, Ringgold, Ga.

PULASKI, Va.—We praise the Lord for the way He blessed in the recent one month's revival at Dublin, Va., conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. C. G. Humphrey. The Lord was with us from the beginning although the weather was bad for a tent meeting and we were forced to miss many services, but we held on to Him and continued the meeting. During the revival there were twenty-five or twenty-six experiences, for which we praise Him.

We now have a new church organized at Dublin and expect to build a new church house as soon as we can get the material. One thing I especially noticed about this revival, the dear Lord gave us several heads of families—husbands and wives who own property there, and they are anxious to get a church house built.

The people there were so nice to open their homes for services since it has gotten too cool for tent services and we do not have a building. We have service every Sunday night at Brother and Sister Dennis' home and on Wednesday nights at other homes. We surely appreciate the good people at Dublin and feel that we will have a good church there in the future. At this time we have ten members.

In this revival Brother Humphrey came over and took fellowship with us, for which we praise the Lord. Brother Humphrey was much help in this meeting with his public address system, so we feel that the dear Lord has been good to

us at Dublin in giving us a new church with ten members and another active minister for the Church of God.

We need your prayers for this place as we want to build a new church there.—A. J. Cox, pastor, Rt. 1.

TESTIMONIES

Nothing Too Hard

ELIZABETH TON, Tenn.—I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

There is nothing too hard for God. He has healed in my home many times. I sent some requests to the Evangel for prayer for healing a few weeks back and I am feeling better than I did. I thank everyone who prayed for me. I also sent a request for the healing of my daddy. The Lord wonderfully healed him. He had heart dropsy; his body was swollen and he had to sit propped up in bed or in a chair to keep from smothering. We thought he was going to die, but after prayer he was healed. In a few days he was walking about and has been helping with the work this fall. I thank the Lord for all this. My people are all Missionary Baptists, but this has caused them to believe in holiness. I have two daughters who are saved and sanctified. I have a son who is in sin. Please pray that the Lord will save him; I also have an unspoken request.—Dottie Merritt, Rt. 4.

Encouraged To Be True

ODUM, Ga.—A few weeks ago I sent a request and handkerchief to the Publishing House for prayer and anointing for the healing of my body of malaria fever. I received the handkerchief and am glad to say I was greatly blessed and believe God has healed me of the fever, although at present I am very weak in body and ask that the Evangel readers who know God will continue to remember me in prayer.

I have been a member of the Church of God about fifteen years and have had the blessing sixteen years. I feel encouraged to go on and want to be ready when Jesus returns again. I want to be able to enjoy the millennial reign when the devil, who is causing so much trouble in the world today, will be bound for a thousand years. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. Leroy Jernigan, Rt. 1, Box 117-A.

Thanksgiving and Praise

COSBY, Tenn. — I am praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me. I am glad that one day I found the Church of God. The Lord saved me when I was young and later I was sanctified and I received the Holy Ghost about five years ago.

I also praise Him for the many times He has manifested His great healing

power to me. About a week ago I went to church. After I had been there a little while I got so sick it seemed I could hardly live. I had indigestion. I was going to get the saints to pray for me after the testimony service and as I got up to testify the Lord healed me right then before I had time to ask them to pray for me. Oh, how I praise Him that we can trust in one who is able to heal.

I have a son in the service and he is a sinner. I am praying for him to be saved and want everyone who knows the value of prayer to pray for him. I covet your prayers that I might live closer to the Lord and have more faith and power and be an overcomer.—Mrs. Callie Bryant, Rt. 2, Box 72.

Prayers for Soldier Were Not in Vain

Dear Evangel Readers, sometime ago, it will be noted, I had a request for prayer published. My conscientious objector papers had not followed through to me while in Kearns, Utah, and I was about to be transferred to radio school without them. I felt I should go to school, also Brother Ray T. Hill, my home church pastor, felt the same way. I was told if my papers were to come through I would not be eligible for school. Of course if I were transferred, not being recognized as an objector, I would probably see hazardous duty before long.

Seemingly, only a matter of hours before I was to transfer, my papers reached the post. Immediately my name was cancelled from the transfer list. After much prayer for the Lord to direct this situation, it was finally settled. The officers of that post decided that I could be recognized as an objector and still go to school, to later be placed in domestic duty. It seemed only possible to be either an objector or a student, but in the final outcome I was considered as both.

All things are possible with the Lord and He surely has helped me. I am truly thankful, as I feel He has fully directed me to my position of the service.

I had rather be able to pray and have prayers back of me than anything in this whole world. Those prayers which were prayed for me were surely not in vain.

I am a member of the Church of God in Bigtimber, Mont., where dear Brother Hill has been pastor for the past year. I ask an interest in the prayers of those who read this, that I will be able to stand the severe trials of army life and win a few souls here for Him.—Private Ralph W. Porter, U. S. Army Air Forces, 30th Tech. Sch. Sqdn. (Sp), Barracks No. 803, Scott Field, Ill.

Shop Early For Christmas

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Bowles, Ralph	15
Blackwood, Billy	8
Blackwood, Maxine	6
Brown, Floyd Edward	6
Brown, Raymond Eugene	8
Cable, Eugene	14
Cable, John	12
Casey, Amos	14
Childers, Fred B.	14
Childers, Grace Lucille	15
Coker, W. T.	11
Coker, Charles	9
Coker, Lamar	6
Crowder, Havius Alton	7
Crowder, Velma Juanita	4
Curtis, Aaron Younger	12
Curtis, Joseph Laurence	4
Curtis, William Guy	7
Dutton, Jewel	12
Dutton, Onell	14
Dutton, Otto	9
Edwards, Juanita	11
Edwards, Ruby	9
Edwards, Jewell	7
Edwards, Betty	13
Edwards, Delores Pauline	12
Galloway, Mary Ruth	13
Galloway, Charles	12
Gaylor, Raymond Alonzo	8
Gaylor, Elmer Alfred	10
Gray, Edna	11
Harn, Louise	13
Harris, Edward	9
Hastings, Lillian	16
Hastings, Robert A.	13
Haynes, Richard	5
Haynes, Virginia Mae	8
Haynes, Eugene	10
Haynes, Randell	3
Hill, Eugene	3
Hill, Willard	6
Holcomb, Vergie	14
Holcomb, Bessie	16
Holcomb, Ruby	13
Jackson, Kenneth	10
Jordan, Norman	14
Kerr, Billy	10
Kerr, Clyde	14
Koons, Charles William	11
Lacquey, Esther	15
Ledford, Kenneth	14
Ledford, Betty Gene	12
Ledford, Charles	16
Lewis, Charles	12
Llewellyn, J. P.	15
Lofton, Bobbie Gene	11
Lambert, Margie Lee	8
Lambert, Leonard	11
Lambert, Patricia	7
Lambert, Thelma	13
Lambert, Lillie Mae	5
Layne, Norman	12
Layne, Josephine	9
Norton, Elva Marie	12
Maddix, Sarah	10
Maddix, Billie	14
Maddix, Marie	12

Maddix, Juanita	16
McIver, Eunice	14
McIver, Harold	10
McGill, Billy Wayne	5
McGill, Junior	14
McGill, Allen	10
Mitchell, Herbert	8
Mitchell, Authurine	10
Mitchell, Margaret Sue	12
Murphy, C. W.	10
Murphy, James	14
Murphy, Rudolph	16
Newby, Graden	14
Newby, Donald	12
Newby, Kenneth	16
Passman, Flavis Lee	13
Passman, Mavis Marie	13
Passman, Evelyn Ruth	10
Passman, Johnnie Harold	3
Randall, Henry H.	16
Simmons, James	6
Simmons, Ruth	9
Simmons, Louise	11
Snow, Leon	17
Spencer, J. R.	14
Spencer, Ray	12
Spencer, Ralph	16
Spencer, Charles	8
Stowe, Rachael	13
Stowe, Billie	11
Stowe, Naomi	15
Tippins, F. H.	15
Tippins, Pauline	12
Tippins, Lois	8
Trapp, Nell	13
Trapp, Dorothy	15
Triplett, Bennie	14
Vance, Earl Howard	12
Ward, Joyce	8
Ward, Richard Kenneth	5
Ward, Leonard	9
Williams, Thomas	12
Williams, John	10
Williams, Bobby	10
Wilson, Frances	11
Wilson, Vera Fay	9
Wilson, Betty	6
Wright, Mildred Louise	11
Young, Joan	3
Young, Jean	3
Young, Phyllis Ann	6
Young, Joann	6
Young, James	13
Young, Frankie	11
Young, J. T.	9
Young, R. L.	9

Let's make each of these children happy and I am sure that you will have a happy Christmas.—M. P. Cross, Superintendent of Orphanage.

Orphanage Receipts for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1942

CASH RECEIPTS

Alabama	\$1,731.36
Arizona	43.23
Arkansas	132.59
California	127.04

Colorado	3.30
Delaware	16.96
District of Columbia	26.19
Florida	1,271.30
Georgia	883.56
Idaho	30.22
Illinois	228.83
Indiana	58.18
Iowa	57.61
Kansas	48.72
Kentucky	2,410.90
Louisiana	91.49
Maine	84.03
Maryland	270.24
Massachusetts	11.65
Michigan	430.08
Minnesota	29.14
Mississippi	193.59
Missouri	407.22
Montana	34.00
Nebraska	25.58
New Jersey	77.06
New Mexico	86.78
New York	5.00
North Carolina	4,409.22
North Dakota	100.53
Ohio	851.14
Oklahoma	178.04
Oregon	14.39
Pennsylvania	437.25
South Carolina	6,646.28
South Dakota	48.57
Tennessee	1,846.14
Texas	1,058.38
Utah	2.88
Virginia	295.23
Washington	55.43
West Virginia	514.94
Wisconsin	2.13
Wyoming	7.29

MISCELLANEOUS

ALABAMA

Mrs. E. B. Carter, Rt. 2, Box 82, Georgiana—5 bath towels, 3 towels, 1 washcloth, 3 bars soap.

KENTUCKY

Rev. Ed Denham, Box 240, Somerset —1 quilt, 3 bath towels, 1 pr. pillow-cases, 4 yds. cloth.

MISSOURI

Rev. D. A. Biggs, Leadwood — 66 washcloths.

NEW JERSEY

Church of God, 14 Mulberry St., Millville—2 prs. socks, 2 bars soap, 1 washcloth, 2 towels, 1 sweater, 1 pr. pants. Used: 2 shirts, 1 jacket, 14 dresses, 8 dress skirts, 3 gym suits, 1 pr. socks.

NORTH CAROLINA

L.W.W.B., Sanford—1 dresser scarf, 1 table cover, 1 yd. cloth, 1 pr. pillow-cases, 8 handkerchiefs, 3 bars soap, 1 Bible, 2 copies Gospel of St. John, 1

story book, 5 washcloths, 1 brassiere.
Used: 12 dresses, 5 skirts, 1 blouse.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mary McRee Burdette, Rt. 3, Iva—toys.

TENNESSEE

Southern Shoe Store, Cleveland—45 pencil holders, containing pencil, ruler, and pen staff.

Fowler Grocery, Cleveland—1 5-lb. box candy.

Cleveland Bakery, Cleveland—13 doz. rolls.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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energetic, took us in his car and we went to their meeting. He was a stranger to this country but he did all the talking for us and was highly appreciated by the officials. He did his best but, with all his soliciting, we were unfortunate in getting our building, but, precious readers, "if God be for us who can be against us?" There was a congregational building where we formerly worshipped. The overseer and I went to see the superintendent, who agreed to sell us the building. It was purchased by Brother Camp, after his return from the General Assembly, for three hundred and fifty pounds. That equals \$2,000. We did not have enough money to purchase this building but we praise God for you people of the U. S. A. and thank you for your help. We did not know where help was coming from, but thank God for His help and for the dear man of God whom He sent to our rescue. He was a real overseer the one year he spent with us. Some say he is precious but what I can say with my eight years' experience in the Church of God is, he is right in, right out, right up, right down Church of God material.

We are now in the building, praise God, and have a dear man of God as our pastor, Rev. W. F. Evering, and his wife. They are loving, kind and gentle. They were just the people we wanted. Praise God for them.

Our first convention was held May 10-12, 1942. This was one of the best conventions we have ever had in this island. God surely blessed us. Overseer S. M. Pearson, and his wife, were present and they both delivered some wonderful messages, also other ministers who were present. We had fifty converts, one filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. For the first six months our present pastor has been in charge of this church we had an increase of eighteen members, which makes a total of fifty-two, and souls are still coming in. There is great success in this church. Then we remember the words of David, "I will look unto

the hill from whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord. Please pray that God will continue to bless us. —A. Reid, Clifton, Jam., B. W. I.

Mission Receipts for Quarter Ending Sept. 30

Alabama	\$6,362.14
Arizona	26.89
Arkansas	590.61
California	287.25
Canada	4.25
Colorado	18.65
Delaware	15.55
District of Columbia	25.16
Florida	714.03
Georgia	3,344.27
Idaho	31.49
Illinois	301.50
Indiana	54.30
Iowa	515.90
Kansas	174.70
Kentucky	3,852.85
Louisiana	673.66
Maine	164.75
Maryland	1,651.22
Massachusetts	4.65
Michigan	3,193.28
Minnesota	49.42
Mississippi	1,080.82
Missouri	1,133.70
Montana	56.26
Nebraska	23.39
New Jersey	141.50
New Mexico	161.99
New York	5.00
North Carolina	6,500.29
North Dakota	420.55
Ohio	3,493.39
Oklahoma	597.55
Oregon	24.21
Pennsylvania	2,340.78
South Carolina	10,934.78
South Dakota	422.66
Tennessee	771.17
Texas	966.57
Utah	19.60
Virginia	2,784.68
Washington	44.92
West Virginia	476.48
Wisconsin	.56
Wyoming	11.87

THE DECEIVER "ALCOHOL"

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A retired Army physician told the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 3, 1942, "The use of beer, wines and whiskey has killed or disabled for military duty in the present war at least 1,000,000 Americans."

Yes, we have been deceived by the whiskey crowd. They have told us that nothing can be done about the liquor question, that coffee can be rationed to one cup and sugar to a minimum amount, and that our boys can be taken from eighteen on, but we must be quiet about

the repeal of the repeal. But the sleeping giant has awakened and thousands of loyal Americans are demanding that the boys who go to fight for the protection of our life and liberty shall not be furnished beer and whiskey by a crowd of profiteering men who are seeking to destroy our Government by making our soldiers a crowd of drunks. And remember that liquor is just as bad made by a brewer licensed by the Government and sold by a barmaid in a restaurant, roadhouse, or army camp canteens, and will ruin the handsome young man in the bright uniform of the United States Army and Navy, just as quickly as the bootleg liquor made by the moonshiner in the remote section of the mountains.

While you are buying bonds and war stamps and praying for God to help us as a nation, don't forget to speak in tones of the thunders of Sinai at the ballot box, and contact your congressmen and senators and let them know how you stand on this important matter.

OBITUARIES

BRADFORD

Sister Della Bradford, a member of the Church of God at Edwards Point, Tenn., departed this life Aug. 1, 1942. We miss her so much.—Nora Dell, clerk.

SEXTON

Daniel Lester Sexton, little twin son of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Sexton, was born July 29, 1942, and departed this life Oct. 4, 1942; age two months and four days.—His mother, Lester, W. Va.

BROWN

My beloved husband, John Brown, Derby, Ill., passed away Sept. 16, 1942; age sixty-eight years, eight months and sixteen days. He had salvation and shouted the praises of God many times.—His companion.

GATCHET

Little Lewis Gatchet; son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gatchet, and a member of the Sunday school at Silverton, Ore., went to be with Jesus Oct. 8, 1942; age six years, nine months and thirteen days.—Mrs. Dewey Herndon, Box 25, Silverton, Ore.

RENTFRO

Sister Cora Rentfro, one of our charter members, was born Sept. 2, 1882, and departed this life Oct. 15, 1942. She was a teacher of the Young Ladies' Sunday School Class. Pray for her children to be saved.—One of her students, Leavah M. Prather, Cantwell, Mo.

Life is never so sweet as when all of the bitterness has been taken out of our hearts and all of the guile taken out of our mouths.

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and instrumental music were taught. An added feature of the school, which was a great success that term, was a music normal enrolling both local and regular students. Rapid progress has been made since that term to the present, and many excellent singers and musicians have been turned out each year to bless the world.

At present, lessons are given in piano, accordion, voice, and stringed instruments. There are also courses in theory, sight singing, harmony, and music history and appreciation. The school has fourteen new pianos in addition to the old ones already on hand. There are four piano and two instrumental teachers giving in all approximately 192 lessons each week.

Commercial Department

The commercial department was founded in October, 1932, under the direction of Brother J. H. Walker, who was then Superintendent of Education. Originally there were only three classes taught by one individual; today there are fourteen classes taught by three individuals.

Students from this department of the Bible Training School are witnessing for Christ in almost every phase of the business world—some are in lawyers' offices, some in dentists' or doctors' offices, others keeping books at stores or factories, some in agricultural agents' offices, some in government camps, and several are working for the government in Washington, D. C. Almost every state in the Union has been reached through this department and the majority of students who have gone out from it are working for their Creator as well as their employer. Many ministerial students have been benefited by the commercial course taken at this school.

High School Department

The first term of high school in the Bible Training School began in the fall of 1934. There were three reasons for the opening of a high school department. First, it was opened to give adults, who had been deprived of that privilege in their youth, the opportunity of completing high school. Second, it was opened to give boys and girls the opportunity to be in a Christian environment while attending high school. Third, it was opened to give to those interested in Bible and music subjects a chance to receive such training along with their high school education. God blessed in the first term of high school and is still blessing in the pres-

ent term. There were only about twenty-five students in that first term, but now there are 118 enrolled in the high school department.

The College Department

The college department of the Bible Training School grew out of the realization of the need for a higher course of learning. The President of the school, Zeno C. Tharp, the officials, and laity of the Church worked faithfully toward this end and the fall of 1941 marked the first term in the history of the college department. With an enrollment of twenty-one, it began its first year by offering a regular college course. Young men and women who have finished high school and desire a college education come here and receive that training under the instruction of Spirit-filled teachers. They are trained to face life and meet its issues, but they are also taught the principles of Christian living and the importance of personal relationship with God. This year new teachers have been added to the staff to increase the number of courses to meet the demands of the students. We now have a varied program; our college department has made a big step forward this year.

Looking Into the Future

Today as it stands towering above the little town of Sevierville and looking across into the distance where the Great Smokies form ridges and mountains of blue haze, the Bible Training School is a source of inspiration. Upon entering the rolling campus one feels himself being drawn into the beautiful picture. The fine buildings before him suddenly seem to throw out a feeling of warmth and welcome. Hidden behind the walls of these buildings are students from all over the nation, seeking a higher plane of living, a greater understanding, and something that will place more faith, confidence and hope within them. Yes, they are there striving to attain their ambitions. Not only are they filled with this desire, but those who are instructing them have the vision also.

As we observe this wonderful institution with its many activities and far-reaching influence, we are prone to peer into the future and vision this institution of tomorrow. Dotted over the landscape we see many shrubs of rare beauty and magnificent buildings accommodating many hundreds of students from all over the universe. As other institutions have risen to great heights of learning, so will this one. It will rise, not only in learning, but in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it was founded upon this Rock. It shall ever uplift the blood-

stained banner of redemption and send forth conquering men and women throughout the world.

As the world seems to rock on its foundation today from the terrific struggles that are taking place, there shall be a greater need than we have ever known to re-establish faith and hope in the youth of the world. The Church of God College will strive to meet that need.

THE DYING FLAME

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keen edge off his blessed experience. Many lights are still burning, but alas, too many are pitifully low. Take warning. Like Peter on that awful night when Jesus informed him that before the cock-crowing he would deny his Lord thrice, many souls overrate their own power. Boastingly he asserted his fidelity to the Lord and declared there was not even a slight possibility that he might fall. Others might, but not he. Poor man, he did not realize his oil was low, that his flame was then flickering, and soon would flicker its last faint ray. In a few short hours Peter found himself in unspeakable darkness.

Remember, friends, such a light will have little influence on a panicky world already in darkness, and that we cannot do much for God nor man with the faint yellow glare of a dying flame.

While the Bridegroom tarries all may have oil. Every light may be aglow. Everyone may be filled with the Spirit. Beware of those who advise otherwise, for midnight is coming, and the wise will have their supply in advance. Do not quibble about how much you need, nor compare yourself with others, but "be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:18, 19). In this condition you can "watch" for the coming Bridegroom.

REVIVAL

BLYTHE, Calif. — The Church of God at Blythe, Calif., has just closed a week's revival with Sister Myrtle Mushegan as evangelist. The Lord blessed in many ways. Five were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. Many of the soldier boys took part in the services, one receiving the Holy Ghost and others seeking the Lord. The revival was closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. The manifestation of the Spirit was so great that sinners were seeking the Lord, one being a soldier.—Pastor, Jimmie Myers, Box 315.